TEXAS
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GOVERNMENT JOB GROWTH CONTINUES

Texas Unemployment Rate Increases

The Texas actual (not seasonally adjusted) unemployment rate increased substantially between September and October, from 6.4 percent to 7.2 percent. The current rate is the highest for Texas in the actual series since August 1989. The number of jobless Texans rose by 69,500 from September to an estimated 616,100 in mid-October. Total employment declined somewhat over the month. The current estimate of 7,917,500 was also below the year-ago level. Although unemployment did increase to some degree in October, it is important not to attach too much significance to one month's statistics. The State's unemployment rate for the third quarter of 1991 averaged 6.5 percent, up moderately from the 6.1 percent average for the same period in 1990.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate also rose over the month, from 6.6 to 7.9 percent. The seasonally adjusted U. S. jobless rate increased from 6.7 to 6.8 percent in October.

Nonfarm Jobs Increase

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment in Texas had a total of 7,162,200 in October '91. This was up by 36,000 jobs from September. The over-the-year change was up by 64,700.

Total **Nonmanufacturing** increased by 36,100 from September. At 6,186,300 this was up by 79,100 from October '90. **Government** showed the largest gain, increasing 26,800 over the month, and up 22,500 over the year. Local Government rose by 15,800 while State Government increased by 10,800. These were seasonal upswings due to final staffing of public and private schools and colleges for the fall semester. Federal Government was also up by 200 over the month.

Continued growth in Health Services and seasonal increases in private education generated a sizeable increase in **Services.** At 1,763,300 the Services sector was up by 8,500 from September '91, and up by 39,600 from

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Oct.'91	Sept. '91	Oct.'90
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	125,568.0	125,405.0	125,021.0
Unemployment	8,013.0	8,070.0	6,722.0
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.4%	5.4%
Total Employment	117,555.0	117,335.0	118,299.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	125,549.0	125,607.0	124,875.0
Unemployment	8,582.0	8,442.0	7,142.0
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	6.7%	5.7%
Total Employment	116,967.0	117,165.0	117,733.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,533.5	8,524.8	8,406.1
Unemployment	616.0	546.6	445.0
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	6.4%	5.3%
Total Employment	7,917.5	7,978.2	7,961.1
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,553.0	8,515.0	8,416.0
Unemployment	672.0	559.0	500.0
Percent Unemployed	7.9%	6.6%	5.9%
Total Employment	7,881.0	7,956.0	7,916.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✦
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Oct.'91*	Sept.'91**	Oct.'90**	Oct.'91*	Sept.'91**	Oct.'90**	Oct.'91*	Sept.'91**	Oct.'90**
		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,200	50,800	50,400	94,900	95,800	95,600	443,100	442,500	437,800
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,400	2,600	5,000	4,600	4,000	23,400	20,900	17,500
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.7%	5.2%	5.3%	4.8%	4.2%	5.3%	4.7%	4.0%
Total Employment ++	47,000	47,400	47,800	89,900	91,200	91,600	419,700	421,600	420,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR				BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	173,000	172,800	164,800	89,400	89,700	86,900	107,400	106,600	101,500
Total Unemployment	13,900	12,700	10,000	5,400	4,900	4,200	13,900	12,300	9,500
Percent Unemployed	8.0%	7.3%	6.1%	6.0%	5.5%	4.8%	12.9%	11.5%	9.4%
Total Employment ++	159,100	160,100	154,800	84,000	84,800	82,700	93,500	94,300	92,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,000	60,800	63,000	168,400	168,400	164,600	1,445.4	1,441.4	1,432.8
Total Unemployment	2,400	2,200	1,900	14,700	13,000	10,900	98.4	86.6	66.8
Percent Unemployed	3.8%	3.6%	3.0%	8.7%	7.7%	6.6%	6.8%	6.0%	4.7%
Total Employment ++	61,600	58,600	61,100	153,700	155,400	153,700	1,347.0	1,354.8	1,366.0
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	254,500	253,500	248,600	734,700	737,300	731,100	110,900	110,900	108,400
Total Unemployment	28,600	25,700	24,000	53,000	47,600	32,400	8,200	7,200	6,700
Percent Unemployed	11.2%	10.1%	9.7%	7.2%	6.5%	4.4%	7.4%	6.5%	6.2%
Total Employment ++	225,900	227,800	224,600	681,700	689,700	698,700	102,700	103,700	101,700
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,758.1	1,761.1	1,725.7	96,800	96,700	95,600	52,800	51,800	52,100
Total Unemployment	113.5	100.9	79.9	7,300	6,400	6,000	5,100	4,200	4,400
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	5.7%	4.6%	7.5%	6.6%	6.3%	9.7%	8.1%	8.4%
Total Employment ++	1,644.6	1,660.2	1,645.8	89,500	90,300	89,600	47,700	47,600	47,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,700	78,300	78,500	115,400	115,000	115,800	161,600	156,200	155,900
Total Unemployment	6,900	6,000	4,700	7,100	6,200	5,000	30,000	25,000	22,800
Percent Unemployed	8.8%	7.7%	6.0%	6.2%	5.4%	4.3%	18.6%	16.0%	14.6%
Total Employment ++	71,800	72,300	73,800	108,300	108,800	110,800	131,600	131,200	133,100
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,200	48,100	47,100	52,800	53,100	50,900	44,200	43,900	43,400
Total Unemployment	3,200	2,600	2,100	4,100	3,700	2,300	2,500	2,400	2,000
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	5.4%	4.5%	7.8%	7.0%	4.5%	5.7%	5.5%	4.6%
Total Employment ++	45,000	45,500	45,000	48,700	49,400	48,600	41,700	41,500	41,400
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	601,700	602,600	600,500	46,700	47,000	47,000	56,200	56,200	57,500
Total Unemployment	42,400	37,600	36,100	3,300	2,900	2,200	4,500	4,200	4,200
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	6.2%	6.0%	7.1%	6.2%	4.7%	8.0%	7.5%	7.3%
Total Employment ++	559,300	565,000	564,400	43,400	44,100	44,800	51,700	52,000	53,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	73,900	73,700	73,300	37,000	36,700	35,600	93,600	93,200	92,400
Total Unemployment	5,300	4,700	4,100	2,100	1,700	1,500	6,300	5,700	4,600
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	6.4%	5.6%	5.7%	4.6%	4.2%	6.7%	6.1%	5.0%
Total Employment ++	68,600	69,000	69,200	34,900	35,000	34,100	87,300	87,500	87,800
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,800	54,800	54,600				8,533.6	8,524.8	8,406.1
Total Unemployment	4,000	3,500	2,800				616.1	546.6	445.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3%	6.4%	5.1%				7.2%	6.4%	5.3%
Total Employment ++	50,800	51,300	51,800				7,917.5	7,978.2	7,961.1

✦ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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October '90. Health Services led the increases, up by 4,500 over the month, while Educational Services came in second, going up by 3,000. Business and Repair Services rose by 1,100, while Engineering and Management Services went up by 1,000. Smaller increases occurred in Other Services and Miscellaneous, up by 500, and in Personal Services, up by 200 over the month. Seasonal declines occurred in Amusement, Including Motion Pictures, down by 1,400, and in Hotels and Other Lodging Places, down by 400 from September.

An increase of 1,600 was seen in both **Construction** and in **Transportation and Public Utilities**. Other Transportation went up by 1,800 over the month. The largest growth was centered in the Trucking and Warehousing Industries which grew by 1,100 positions. Some of this activity was spurred by the harvesting of cotton. Transportation By Air went up by 300. Decreases of 100 each were shown in both Communications and in Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services.

Mining experienced a decline of 1,600 jobs in October, continuing last month's trend. This loss was centered in Oil and Gas Extraction, down by 1,500 over the month. Metal and Coal and Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuel decreased by 100.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate fell by 700 from September, as the decline of National Commercial Banks continued.

Wholesale and Retail Trade fell by 100 over the month. At 1,717,300, this was up by 4,000 over the year. The largest decrease was a seasonal one which occurred in Eating and Drinking Places, down by 2,800 from September. Smaller declines occurred in Automotive Dealers and Service Stations, down by 300, and in Apparel and Accessory Stores, down by 200 over the month. The largest gain in Trade was in Other Retail Trade, up by 1,400. Food Stores went up by 1,000 and General Merchandise Stores rose by 500, while Wholesale Trade increased by 300.

Manufacturing fell by 100 over the month. A decrease of 1,900 in **Durable Goods** was offset by a rise of 1,800 in **Nondurable Goods**. The largest decrease in Durables was found in Transportation Equipment, down by 700 over the month. Industrial Machinery and Equipment fell by 600. Primary Metal Industries went down by 400, while Stone, Clay and Glass Products decreased by 300. Smaller drops were seen in Fabricated Metal Industries, down by 200, and in Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment, down by 100 from September.
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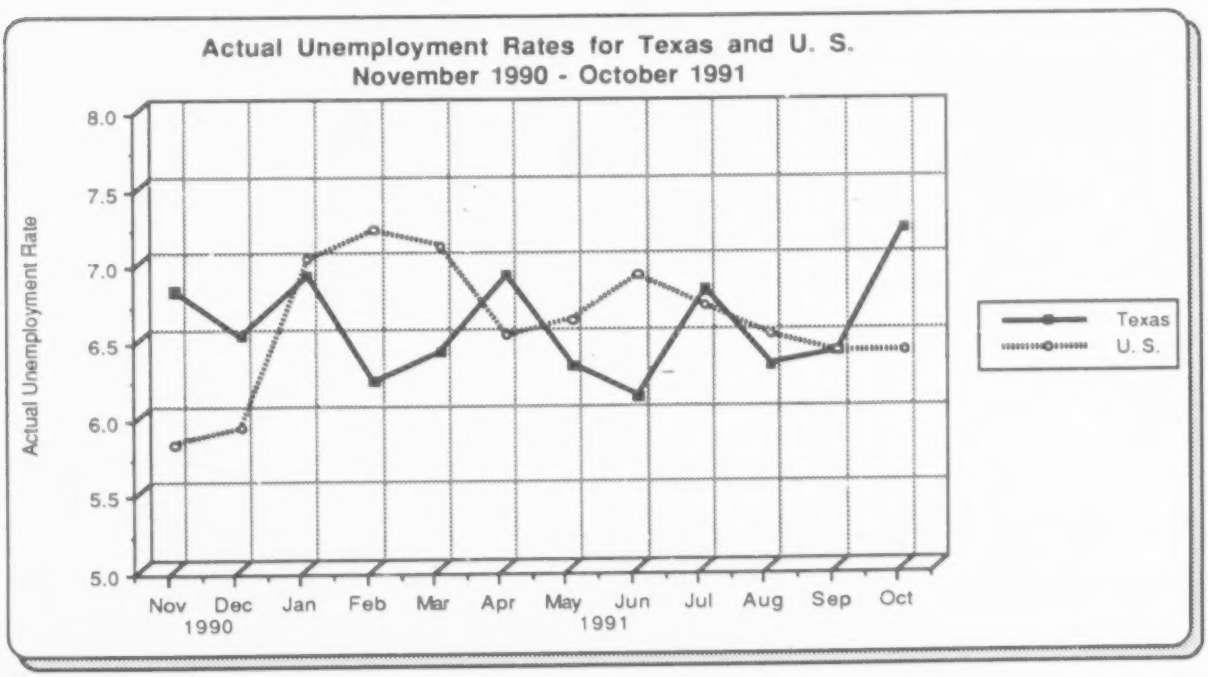

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	OCT. '91*	SEPT. '91**	OCT. '90**	Chg. from SEPT. '91	Chg. from OCT. '90
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**7,162,200**	**7,126,200**	**7,097,500**	**36,000**	**64,700**
MANUFACTURING	**975,900**	**976,000**	**990,300**	**-100**	**-14,400**
Durable Goods	**542,100**	**544,000**	**566,300**	**-1,900**	**-24,200**
Lumber & Wood Products	31,800	31,700	31,900	100	-100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,600	7,600	7,700	0	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	15,200	15,100	16,300	100	-1,100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	33,000	33,300	34,700	-300	-1,700
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	13,900	14,200	15,000	-300	-1,100
Primary Metal Industries	29,600	30,000	30,000	-400	-400
Fabricated Metal Industries	80,500	80,700	81,700	-200	-1,200
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	39,200	39,500	40,300	-300	-1,100
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	113,300	113,900	115,400	-600	-2,100
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	26,900	27,300	26,600	-400	300
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	96,900	97,000	104,100	-100	-7,200
Transportation Equipment	86,100	86,800	97,300	-700	-11,200
Aircraft & Parts	59,500	59,800	69,600	-300	-10,100
Instruments & Related Prod.	39,200	39,100	39,000	100	200
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	16,500	16,400	15,900	100	600
Nondurable Goods	**433,800**	**432,000**	**424,000**	**1,800**	**9,800**
Food & Kindred Products	102,600	102,200	102,300	400	300
Meat Products	31,900	31,700	31,700	200	200
Dairy Products	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0
Bakery Products	9,600	9,700	9,800	-100	-200
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,100	2,900	-100	100
Textile Mill Products	4,200	4,100	4,300	100	-100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	56,900	56,800	55,000	100	1,900
Paper & Allied Products	24,500	24,600	24,500	-100	0
Printing & Publishing	74,800	74,500	73,400	300	1,400
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,600	35,400	35,200	200	400
Chemicals & Allied Products	89,800	89,400	84,900	400	4,900
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,400	31,100	29,500	300	1,900
Petroleum Refining	28,200	27,900	26,200	300	2,000
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	42,400	42,200	42,600	200	-200
Leather & Leather Products	7,100	7,000	7,400	100	-300
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**6,186,300**	**6,150,200**	**6,107,200**	**36,100**	**79,100**
Mining	**176,100**	**177,700**	**182,000**	**-1,600**	**-5,900**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,100	9,200	9,400	-100	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	167,000	168,500	172,600	-1,500	-5,600
Construction	**347,600**	**346,000**	**337,300**	**1,600**	**10,300**
Transaportation & Public Utilities	**436,800**	**435,200**	**426,300**	**1,600**	**10,500**
Railroad Transportation	18,100	18,100	18,600	0	-500
Other Transportation	251,500	249,700	240,000	1,800	11,500
Transportation by Air	83,300	83,000	77,100	300	6,200
Communications	88,200	88,300	89,100	-100	-900
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,000	79,100	78,600	-100	400
Electric Services	40,200	40,300	40,400	-100	-200
Gas Production & Distribution	26,800	26,900	27,000	-100	-200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,717,300**	**1,717,400**	**1,713,300**	**-100**	**4,000**
Wholesale Trade	421,200	420,900	422,300	300	-1,100
Retail Trade	1,296,100	1,296,500	1,291,000	-400	5,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	39,800	39,800	39,800	0	0
General Merchandise Stores	181,800	181,300	182,400	500	-600
Food Stores	239,200	238,200	238,300	1,000	900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	138,500	138,800	138,000	-300	500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	75,900	76,100	77,800	-200	-1,900
Eating & Drinking Places	441,100	443,900	429,900	-2,800	11,200
Other Retail Trade	179,800	178,400	184,800	1,400	-5,000
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**427,400**	**428,100**	**429,300**	**-700**	**-1,900**
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	123,900	124,500	128,200	-600	-4,300
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	146,000	145,900	143,600	100	2,400
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	157,500	157,700	157,500	-200	0
Services	**1,763,300**	**1,754,800**	**1,723,700**	**8,500**	**39,600**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	85,500	85,900	86,700	-400	-1,200
Personal Services	79,700	79,500	78,900	200	800
Business & Repair Services	450,500	449,400	450,800	1,100	-300
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	77,000	78,400	76,900	-1,400	100
Health Services	510,700	506,200	478,200	4,500	32,500
Educational Services	88,500	85,500	87,800	3,000	700
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	154,600	153,600	152,700	1,000	1,900
Other Services & Miscellaneous	316,800	316,300	311,700	500	5,100
Total Government	**1,317,800**	**1,291,000**	**1,295,300**	**26,800**	**22,500**
Federal Government	205,200	205,000	199,400	200	5,800
State Government	298,400	287,600	285,000	10,800	13,400
Local Government	814,200	798,400	810,900	15,800	3,300

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT + TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Oct.'91*	Sept. '91**	Oct.'90**	Oct.'91*	Sept.'91**	Oct.'90**	Oct.'91*	Sept.'91**	Oct.'90**	Oct.'91*	Sept.'91**	Oct.'90**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	48,800	48,600	48,800	78,100	78,600	78,900	385,100	381,400	383,900	151,100	150,300	144,900
Manufacturng	4,400	4,400	4,500	9,100	8,900	8,800	48,800	48,700	49,400	26,100	26,000	25,400
Mining	1,500	1,400	1,500	900	900	1,100	700	700	700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,900	3,000	3,200	12,500	12,400	12,200	15,000	14,500	11,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,700	2,800	5,500	5,600	5,600	12,300	12,100	11,900	9,600	9,600	9,600
Trade	12,700	12,700	12,800	22,500	22,700	22,900	76,800	76,800	77,200	33,800	33,700	33,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	4,200	4,300	4,300	23,300	23,300	23,400	5,500	5,500	5,400
Services & Misc.	14,600	14,600	14,500	17,900	18,200	17,600	100,200	99,600	98,000	37,500	37,400	36,100
Government	9,200	9,200	9,200	15,100	15,000	15,400	110,500	107,800	111,100	21,700	21,700	21,500
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	69,200	69,100	66,900	78,200	78,300	75,200	57,100	53,400	55,900	138,500	138,500	136,800
Manufacturng	17,100	17,000	16,800	12,100	12,400	11,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	12,400	12,400	12,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,000	—	—	—	500	500	600	4,000	4,000	4,100
Construction	9,600	9,600	8,700	2,400	2,400	2,200	1,800	1,900	1,700	11,800	11,700	12,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,100	3,100	2,900	3,500	3,600	3,200	1,300	1,400	1,300	6,600	6,600	6,600
Trade	13,100	13,100	12,600	21,100	21,000	20,100	11,400	11,200	11,500	32,500	32,800	32,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,800	3,800	3,400	1,800	1,800	1,900	6,200	6,200	6,300
Services & Misc.	9,900	10,100	9,700	17,900	17,900	17,000	10,800	10,800	10,700	33,900	34,000	32,300
Government	12,700	12,500	12,400	17,400	17,200	17,800	26,000	22,300	24,700	31,100	30,800	30,200
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,382.7	1,375.6	1,384.5	211,800	211,400	209,300	586,000	586,800	592,900	77,500	77,400	77,000
Manufacturng	211.9	211.8	220.7	41,900	41,800	42,600	103,300	103,800	118,600	8,500	8,600	8,900
Mining	17.7	17.8	17.9	—	—	—	4,400	4,500	4,600	700	700	600
Construction	46.7	46.5	47.6	7,700	7,600	7,800	21,900	22,000	22,600	4,100	4,200	4,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	85.1	84.7	83.1	10,600	10,600	11,000	58,300	57,700	56,100	5,400	5,400	5,300
Trade	357.2	356.5	355.8	52,900	53,200	52,000	150,300	150,800	151,300	15,300	15,600	15,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	122.3	122.3	125.0	8,100	8,100	8,300	26,800	26,600	27,300	5,100	5,100	5,100
Services & Misc.	378.7	374.6	372.2	44,800	45,200	43,500	141,600	142,200	135,700	15,200	15,400	15,100
Government	165.1	162.4	162.2	45,800	44,900	44,100	79,600	79,200	76,700	23,200	22,400	22,700
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,639.2	1,636.7	1,618.4	75,000	74,800	74,000	45,600	45,400	45,000	69,200	68,900	69,600
Manufacturng	176.7	177.7	178.4	8,600	8,600	8,800	1,500	1,500	1,700	15,900	16,000	16,200
Mining	70.4	71.7	69.5	—	—	—	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,400	3,400	3,500
Construction	109.3	108.9	112.5	2,400	2,500	2,500	1,300	1,200	1,300	4,000	3,800	3,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	113.1	113.0	111.1	2,500	2,500	2,500	6,500	6,400	6,200	3,600	3,600	3,500
Trade	375.8	375.4	372.8	16,900	16,800	16,200	14,000	14,000	14,300	17,100	17,000	16,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	100.7	101.4	103.4	3,400	3,500	3,400	1,700	1,700	1,800	2,600	2,600	2,600
Services & Misc.	476.4	475.5	463.2	18,000	17,900	17,600	8,400	8,400	8,000	14,000	14,100	14,200
Government	216.8	213.1	209.5	23,200	23,000	23,000	10,400	10,400	9,900	8,600	8,400	8,900
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	99,000	98,200	100,000	104,500	103,400	102,600	45,300	45,200	44,200	45,100	45,100	44,300
Manufacturng	6,900	7,100	7,100	13,100	13,000	14,000	2,500	2,500	2,300	4,700	4,600	4,300
Mining	200	200	200	800	800	900	8,700	8,800	9,000	5,100	5,100	5,300
Construction	4,000	4,000	3,500	4,400	4,300	4,500	1,600	1,500	1,400	2,300	2,400	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,400	5,300	5,500	3,100	3,100	3,200	2,500	2,500	2,400	2,200	2,200	2,000
Trade	28,200	28,300	28,900	32,600	32,100	31,500	10,900	10,800	10,500	12,800	12,800	12,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,600	5,500	3,900	3,900	4,000	2,300	2,200	2,300	1,200	1,300	1,500
Services & Misc.	25,100	24,800	25,700	18,600	18,400	17,900	9,700	9,800	9,300	8,500	8,400	8,200
Government	23,500	22,900	23,600	28,000	27,800	26,600	7,100	7,100	7,000	8,300	8,300	8,200
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	37,600	37,100	36,400	523,600	523,000	523,100	37,500	37,900	38,500	46,300	45,800	46,800
Manufacturng	5,100	5,100	5,000	43,500	43,900	43,100	10,300	10,600	11,100	6,500	6,500	7,000
Mining	300	400	500	1,700	1,800	1,800	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,100	22,500	22,500	22,200	1,300	1,400	1,500	1,500	1,300	1,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,600	22,600	22,800	21,900	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,400	2,400	2,400
Trade	9,500	9,200	9,000	132,100	132,000	131,600	8,000	8,000	7,900	11,000	11,000	11,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,500	37,600	37,500	39,300	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,800
Services & Misc.	9,600	9,400	9,000	141,100	141,200	141,500	9,700	9,700	9,800	11,400	11,400	11,200
Government	7,700	7,600	7,700	122,500	121,300	121,700	4,500	4,500	4,500	11,700	11,400	11,900
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	63,300	63,100	62,600	29,700	29,600	28,500	83,600	83,100	83,100	50,100	49,900	50,500
Manufacturng	11,100	11,200	11,300	3,100	3,200	3,000	15,500	15,500	15,500	8,100	8,000	8,400
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,600	1,500	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,400
Construction	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,700	3,200	3,200	3,000	1,700	1,700	1,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,400	3,500	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trade	15,800	15,800	16,000	7,900	7,800	7,600	19,200	19,200	19,200	11,500	11,500	11,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,500	1,600	1,600	1,600	5,200	5,200	5,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Services & Misc.	16,500	16,500	15,900	6,800	6,800	6,500	23,500	23,000	23,000	12,900	12,900	12,700
Government	10,000	9,700	9,600	5,600	5,400	5,200	13,600	13,600	13,600	9,700	9,600	9,700

+ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct.'91*	Sep.'91	Oct.'90	Oct.'91*	Sep.'91	Oct.'90	Oct.'91*	Sep.'91	Oct.'90
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 461.67	$ 467.57	$ 441.63	42.2	42.7	41.9	$ 10.94	$10.95	$10.54
Durable Goods	451.34	458.39	435.96	42.3	42.8	42.0	10.67	10.71	10.38
Lumber & Wood Products	329.62	333.98	306.81	43.2	43.6	41.8	7.63	7.66	7.34
Furniture & Fixtures	310.90	328.02	275.99	40.8	42.6	38.6	7.62	7.70	7.15
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	421.08	425.20	423.36	43.5	43.7	43.2	9.68	9.73	9.80
Primary Metal Industries	489.90	497.34	503.53	42.6	42.8	43.9	11.50	11.62	11.47
Fabricated Metal Products	425.85	434.13	410.55	42.5	43.5	42.9	10.02	9.98	9.57
Industrial Mach., exc. Electric	447.88	451.62	444.02	42.9	43.3	42.9	10.44	10.43	10.35
Oil Field Machinery	535.80	539.41	576.99	47.5	47.4	49.4	11.28	11.38	11.68
Electronic & Oth. Electrical Eqmt.	452.13	462.11	468.13	39.8	40.5	41.1	11.36	11.41	11.39
Transportation Equipment	625.83	633.36	549.98	43.4	43.5	40.8	14.42	14.56	13.48
Instruments & Related Prod.	427.25	435.97	406.81	41.4	41.8	40.6	10.32	10.43	10.02
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	317.97	317.58	298.22	40.3	40.2	40.3	7.89	7.90	7.40
Nondurable Goods	475.17	478.40	447.86	42.2	42.6	41.7	11.26	11.23	10.74
Food & Kindred Products	395.42	387.07	365.04	43.5	43.2	43.2	9.09	8.96	8.45
Meat Products	293.25	300.59	287.77	42.5	43.5	43.8	6.90	6.91	6.57
Malt Beverages	876.74	911.88	814.61	45.1	45.8	44.2	19.44	19.91	18.43
Textile Mill Products	373.80	387.01	350.95	44.5	45.8	44.2	8.40	8.45	7.94
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	224.83	231.95	211.30	37.1	37.9	37.2	6.06	6.12	5.68
Paper & Allied Products	513.92	533.45	494.31	44.0	45.4	43.9	11.68	11.75	11.26
Printing & Publishing	444.71	451.88	432.95	39.6	40.6	40.2	11.23	11.13	10.77
Chemicals & Allied Products	761.40	755.88	727.76	45.0	45.1	43.5	16.92	16.76	16.73
Petroleum & Coal Products	771.69	814.32	748.50	43.5	45.8	43.9	17.74	17.78	17.05
Petroleum Refining	796.18	843.64	780.56	43.2	45.9	44.0	18.43	18.38	17.74
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	409.54	408.43	382.01	43.2	42.5	40.9	9.48	9.61	9.34
Leather & Leather Products	277.38	269.84	279.07	41.9	39.8	41.1	6.62	6.78	6.79
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	643.95	664.94	618.78	45.0	45.7	45.7	14.31	14.55	13.54
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	650.86	679.89	607.34	48.9	50.7	48.9	13.31	13.41	12.42
Oil & Gas Extraction	644.67	664.66	619.71	44.8	45.4	45.5	14.39	14.64	13.62
Communications	554.80	561.56	530.40	40.0	40.4	40.0	13.87	13.90	13.26
Elec., Gas & San. Services	571.46	579.35	554.94	41.5	41.8	41.6	13.77	13.86	13.34
Wholesale & Retail Trade	249.23	252.98	241.82	32.2	32.6	32.2	7.74	7.76	7.51
Wholesale Trade	436.30	446.62	426.49	39.7	40.2	39.6	10.99	11.11	10.77
Retail Trade	193.75	196.08	187.20	29.9	30.4	30.0	6.48	6.45	6.24
General Merchandise Stores	189.08	197.81	185.95	29.0	30.2	29.8	6.52	6.55	6.24
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	320.89	347.60	311.68	36.3	39.1	36.2	8.84	8.89	8.61

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 442.90	$ 451.08	$ 436.18	41.2	42.0	41.9	$ 10.75	$ 10.74	$ 10.41
Durable Goods	458.08	468.58	456.60	40.9	41.8	42.2	11.20	11.21	10.82
Nondurable Goods	418.08	423.58	399.78	41.6	42.4	41.3	10.05	9.99	9.68
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	504.56	513.08	464.62	42.4	42.9	40.9	11.90	11.96	11.36
Durable Goods	536.21	542.88	487.45	43.0	43.5	41.1	12.47	12.48	11.86
Nondurable Goods	441.66	455.20	411.89	41.2	41.8	40.5	10.72	10.89	10.17
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	553.52	558.92	544.00	44.0	44.5	44.7	12.58	12.56	12.17
Durable Goods	472.85	479.13	468.00	43.5	44.2	45.0	10.87	10.84	10.40
Nondurable Goods	656.20	659.90	640.69	44.7	44.8	44.4	14.68	14.73	14.43
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	332.51	345.28	322.22	40.6	41.4	41.1	8.19	8.34	7.84
Durable Goods	339.47	356.16	329.64	40.9	42.0	42.1	8.30	8.48	7.83
Nondurable Goods	324.41	335.38	314.79	40.2	40.9	40.1	8.07	8.20	7.85

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Small gains of 100 each were noted in Lumber and Wood Products, Furniture and Fixtures, Instruments and Related Products, and in Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

In Nondurables the largest gains were in Food and Kindred Products and in Chemicals and Allied Products, both up by 400 over the month. Increases of 300 were found in Printing and Publishing and in Petroleum and Coal Products. Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products was up by 200. Increases of 100 each were reported in Textile Mill Products, Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products, and Leather and Leather Products. Paper and Allied Products lost 100 jobs from September.

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Average Weekly Earnings Decrease

For the estimated 642,000 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings decreased by one cent from September to October 1991. Average Weekly Hours were down by five-tenths of an hour, as Average Weekly Earnings decreased by $5.90 over the month. This was $20.04 above the October 1990 level of $441.63 per week.

In mid-October a worker, on average, was earning $10.94 per hour for a 42.2-hour week, and making $461.67 in weekly earnings. This compares with $10.95 per hour for a 42.7-hour week, at $467.57 in Average Weekly Earnings one month ago. The year-ago figures were $10.54 per hour for a 41.9-hour week, with $441.63 in Average Weekly Earnings.

The largest decrease in Average Weekly Earnings was in Durable Goods, down $7.05 over the month. The most significant loss in Durables was in Furniture and Fixtures which fell by $17.12 in Average Weekly Earnings from September. Other larger losses occurred in Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment, down by $9.98; Instruments and Related Products, down by $8.72; Fabricated Metal Products, down by $8.28; Transportation Equipment, down by $7.53; and in Primary Metal Industries which showed a loss of $7.44 in Average Weekly Earnings over the month.

Average Weekly Earnings in Nondurable Goods decreased by $3.23 from September. The largest loss occurred in Petroleum and Coal Products, which lost $42.63 in Average Weekly Earnings from one month ago. There were some gains in Nondurables, the largest of which was in Food and Kindred Products, which rose by $8.35 over the month.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	OCT.'91	OCT.'90
Total Population	17,337,300*	17,183,400*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.8	1.5
UI Covered Employers	324,677	317,483
Total Claims Actions	756,418	570,091
Total Initial Claims Actions	85,738	72,662
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	670,680	497,429
Total Placements	38,062	38,102
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$165.23	$155.91
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$84,683,276	$60,728,158

*Revised.
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